Cooperation in the Field of Textiles with Foreign Countries

207. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have established cooperation in the field of textiles with some countries recently;

(b) if so, the names of the countries with which cooperation has been established during the last one year; and

(c) the details of the agreements reached at?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) Under the aegis of the Multi Fibre Arrangement, India has entered into Bilateral Textile Agreements with USA, EEC, Canada, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Austrial for a period of five years. Trade protocols are drawn on a calendar year basis every year with USSR, Poland, Chzechoslovakia, GDR and Romania. India's trade in textile with these countries is governed by the Bilateral Agreements and the Trade protocols, the provisions of which differ from country to country.

West Bengal Land Reforms (Third Amendment) Bill, 1986

208. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the West Bengal Land Reforms (Third Amendment) Bill, 1986 for Presidential assent;

(b) if so, when and the details thereof;

(c) what are the salient features of the said Bil; and

(d) by when President's assent is likely to be obtained on the Bill?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (d) The West Bengal Land Reforms (Third Amendment) Bill, 1986 was received on 29-12-1986 and assented to by the President on 30-4-1989.

Clearance of Subarnarekha Barrage Project in West Bengal

209. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since cleared the Subarnarekha Barrage Project in West Bengal;

(b) if so, when the Project was cleared; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) A proposal for Construction of a barrage at Bhorsaghat across the river Subarnarekha in West Bengal was referred for environmental consideration in April, 1988 without furnishing requisite Environmental Action Plans.

The project authorities informed on 7th June, 1989 that the scope of the project was being modified by shifting the barrage 25 km upstream.

The modified proposal is yet to be received and as such the question of delay in clearance of the project does not arise.